

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-7 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 8 and 9 are canceled.

This Amendment should be entered after Final Rejection because it cancels all rejected claims and thus places this application in condition for allowance.

**I. Claim for Priority**

The Examiner is again requested to confirm receipt of the certified copies of the two Japanese priority documents that were submitted on January 23, 2004.

**II. All Pending Claims are Patentable**

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 5-7.

The rejections of claims 1-3, 8 and 9 are rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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